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Dear Examiner Flores Ruiz,

New week we will file a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement for USSN 09/513,702. As you know, we have an interview with you for this case on Tuesday, February 12, 2002, approximately 2 PM.

The Supplemental IDS list 52 additional references. In case you feel that you would like to have the Supplement IDS before the interview, I am telefaxing a courtesy copy of it along with as many class "C" references ("other art") that I can get through to your machine.

I will arrive in Washington on Saturday, and consequently will not be available at the above telephone number.

Best regards,

Hal R. Yeager

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Applicant: Toshikazu MUKAIHARA, et al.
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.56 AND §§1.97-1.98

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The citation listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 Form is submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56. The Examiner is requested to make these citations officially of record in the application. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after the mailing of the first Office Action for the above-identified application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned, before the mailing of either a final action or a notice of allowance. Accordingly, it is believed by the undersigned that a petition and petition fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d) are not required.

A check in the amount of \$180 is enclosed to cover the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or additional monies to cover an underpayment by the enclosed check or the inadvertent omission of this check, to deposit account No. 13-0201. A duplicate copy of this Statement is attached

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Citations B2-B16 are Japanese Patent Documents in the Japanese Language. An English-language abstract and/or a translation of each of these Citations is attached to the front or back of the corresponding document. In addition, a translation of each Citations B3-B5, B9-B10, and B14-B16 is attached to the back of the corresponding document.

Japanese Published Patent Applications JP-9-9-83070 and P-9-260766 were previously provided in Applicants' first Information Disclosure Statement. Translations of these two documents have been subsequently obtained and are included herewith as Citations C25 and C26, respectively.

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It is noted that the filing date of the Application precedes the publication dates of Citations C13, C15, C17, C19, C21, and C23. It is also noted that the filing date of the priority document for this Application precede the publication dates of Citations C14, C16, C18, C20, C22, and C24.

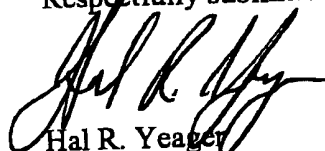
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Respectfully submitted,



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